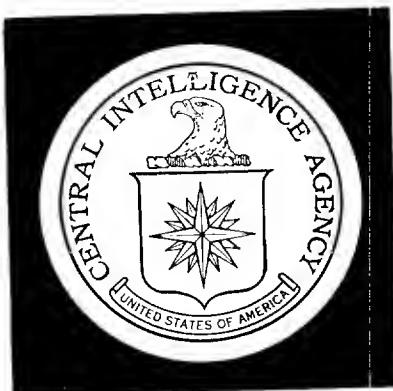


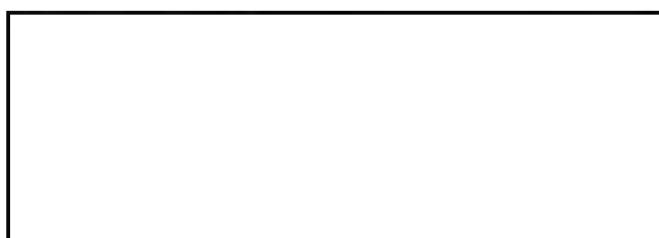
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USSR-TURKEY: SOVIET PRESIDENT PODGORNY PROBABLY WILL SEEK A 25-YEAR TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND NONAGGRESSION DURING HIS VISIT TO ANKARA NEXT APRIL.

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TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ERIM REMARKED TO THE US AMBASSADOR ON 4 NOVEMBER THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR GRUBYAKOV ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS HAS PROPOSED THAT THE USSR AND TURKEY SHOULD CONSIDER A TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP ALONG THE LINES OF THEIR AGREEMENTS IN THE 1920S. DURING THE PAST YEAR THE SOVIETS ALSO HAVE BEEN URGING THE TURKS TO AGREE TO "REGULAR, PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS" AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY LEVEL, AND TO ARRANGE FOR RECIPROCAL NAVAL VISITS.

WHILE THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT IN THEIR EFFORTS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH TURKEY, THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN MARKABLY RESTRAINED, EXHIBITING LITTLE READINESS TO USE ANY PRESSURE ON ANKARA FOLLOWING SUCCESSES WITH EGYPT AND INDIA. THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN REBUFFED IN THEIR PROPOSALS OF FRIENDSHIP TREATIES WITH INDONESIA AND FRANCE. THEY WILL PROBABLY BE NO MORE SUCCESSFUL WITH THE TURKS, WHO HAVE RESPONDED CAUTIOUSLY TO PAST SOVIET PROPOSALS OF COOPERATION.

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